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FOR THE SECRETARY AND HARTMAN FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. WE HAVE NARROWED DOWN AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF THE US-SPANISH DECLARATION TO DIFFERENCES ONLY NOW ON PARAGRAPHS FIVE AND SIX WHICH FOLLOW:

2. PARA 5. "THEY AFFIRM THAT SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, THE RIGHT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES FREELY AND TO ATTAIN THEIR WELL BEING ARE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES WILL SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECT AND HAVE RESPECTED. THEY BELIEVE THAT THEIR MUTUAL DEFENSE EFFORT IS COMPLEMENTARY TO THAT OF EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ATLANTIC FRAMEWORK
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AND THAT EQUAL TREATMENT SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO ALL THE

COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. ACCORDINGLY, THEY INTEND THAT THEIR DEFENSE COOPERATION BE COORDINATED WITH THAT OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, PROMOTING THE CORRESPONDING AGREEMENTS, BEING CONVINCED THAT RECIPROCAL SECURITY AND INTEGRITY ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND THAT THE SECURITY OF THE ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN AREA REQUIRES THE EFFORT OF ALL CONCERNED."

3. THIS LANGUAGE IS OUR PREFERENCE. WE REJECTED THEIR

REQUEST TO HAVE "THE COMMON DEFENSE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE" INCLUDED AND PROPOSED INSTEAD "RECIPROCAL SECURITY AND INTEGRITY ARE ESSENTIAL FOR" AS YOU SEE FROM ABOVE.

4. THE SPANISH ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT PARAGRAPH FIVE WITH OUR CHANGES ONLY ON CONDITION THAT WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING AS PARAGRAPH SIX:

5. PARA. 6. "THE TWO GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE THAT THE SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COMMON SECURITY. THEY REAFFIRM, THEREFORE, THAT A THREAT TO OR AN ATTACK ON EITHER COUNTRY WOULD BE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO BOTH COUNTRIES, AND EACH COUNTRY WOULD TAKE SUCH ACTION AS IT MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES. WITH THIS IN MIND, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR DEFENSE COOPERATION TO ASSURE EFFECTIVENESS IN THEIR EFFORTS AND EQUITY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS."

6. PERINAT IS UNDER INSTRUCTION TO INSIST ON RETENTION OF "OR AN ATTACK ON" IN PARAGRAPH SIX WHICH WE HAD GOTTEN OUT OF THEIR DRAFT YESTERDAY. OBVIOUSLY, HE COULD NOT OBTAIN MADRID'S APPROVAL. I CAN LIVE WITH THE INCLUSION OF "OR AN ATTACK ON."

7. WE BELIEVE THAT GETTING "THE COMMON DEFENSE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE" OUT OF PARAGRAPH FIVE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FIGHTING THE INCLUSION OF "OR AN ATTACK ON" IN PARAGRAPH SIX AND THAT A CASE ARGUES TO ACCEPT THIS COMPROMISE. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THEY ARE ALSO INSISTING

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ON THE WORD "CONSOLIDATE" IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH SIX.

8. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE ACCEPT WHAT THEY WANT IN PARAGRAPH SIX FOR WHAT WE WANT IN PARAGRAPH FIVE WITH AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST OF OURS THAT THEY DROP THE LAST CLAUSE "EQUITY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS" SINCE EVEN PERINAT DOESN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND ITS INTENT.

9. I MET BRIEFLY TODAY WITH SENATOR FULBRIGHT AND CONGRESSMEN MORGAN AND FRELINGHUYSEN TO APPRISE THEM OF THE STATUS OF OUR TALKS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, FULBRIGHT IMPLIED THE SFRC WILL EXAMINE THE JOINT DECLARATION CAREFULLY AND WANT TESTIMONY FROM US BEFORE THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED. NO CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY EITHER MORGAN OR FRELINGHUYSEN. SISCO

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